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Drafted for [] who is putting together a DCI back-up book for DCI meeting with PFIAB on 4-5 April 74. The back-up book covers all items mentioned in the DCI's last annual report to PFIAB, dtd 2 Oct. 73. One of those items had to do with COINS.

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I have appointed Dr. John Martin as my Special Assistant and assigned to him responsibility for conducting for me a survey of information handling and presentation in the intelligence community, together with possible R&D in this field.

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The USIB Intelligence Information Handling Committee (IHC) will provide staff support to Dr. Martin. The IHC, also, is carrying out an expanded program; this includes technical support for conferenced text editing (CONTEXT) ^{and NOIWON/NOIAN} and an exploration of the software programs of the ARPA network that might be transferable in support of intelligence production analysts.

Dr. Hall's office is energetically examining the technical aspects of upgrading the COINS computer network, as well as the larger problems of harmonizing telecommunications and IDHS plans and programs in Defense intelligence. Automated intelligence information handling is one of the major issues to be reviewed jointly by ASD(I) and DCI/ICS in this spring's programming cycle.

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The/COINS Files Working Group, under ASD(I) office chairmanship, has completed examination of 59 computerized files and during the course of its work since last summer some 14 new files of major interest to users have been added to the COINS system.

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12 March 1974

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT TO KEY POSITION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Effective 12 March 1974 Dr. John J. Martin, Associate Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community, is reassigned as Special Assistant to the DCI. During the period of this assignment he will be responsible for conducting for me a survey of information handling and presentation in the intelligence community, together with possible R&D in this field.


W. E. Colby
Director

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